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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5121

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SUBJECT: PLO REPORTS U.S. TRANSMITTING ISRAELI THREATS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. L'ORIENT LE JOUR SEPTEMBER 6

CARRIES REPORT FROM SEVERAL WIRE SERVICES IN CAIRO WHICH INCLUDES STORY THAT PLO AT ARAB LEAGUE CONFERENCE ISSUED

MEMORANDUM "THAT THE PLO HAS WITHIN THE LAST 48 HOURS

RECEIVED TWO ISRAELI THREATS THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY BEIRUT, DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF PALESTINIAN FORCES FROM THEIR

POSITIONS IN SOUTH LEBANON . . ." THE NOTE, WHICH ALSO

REFERS TO THE RECENT DECLARATION OF GENERAL GUR, ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF, MENTIONS THREATS OF MILITARY OPERATIONS.

THIS DECLARATION, ADDS THE TEXT, HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ESCALATION OF ISRAELI OPERATIONS AGAINST A CERTAIN NUMBER OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN SOUTH LEBANON." QUOTING THE PLO

MEMORANDUM, STORY SAID PLO SAYS ARAB COUNTRIES

"SHOULD NOT LEAVE THE PALESTINIANS TO CONFRONT THIS

SITUATION ALONE, AS THEY HAVE DONE DURING THE LAST

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NINE MONTHS." L'ORIENT STORY CONCLUDES WITH REPORT

THAT SPOKESMAN OF U.S. EMBASSY BEIRUT LATE SEPTEMBER 5

"CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE REPORT, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED

AS WITHOUT FOUNDATION." END UNCLASSIFIED.

BEGIN LOU. LOCAL UPI REPORTER NED TEMKO ASKED
EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER LATE SEPTEMBER 5 FOR COMMENT

ON ABOVE STORY. POLITICAL OFFICER REPLIED STORY THAT
U.S. EMBASSY HAD TRANSMITTED ISRAELI THREATS TO PLO WAS
COMPLETELY UNTRUE.

3. LOCAL REUTERS REPORTER BELL, WHO HAD NOT SEEN DENIAL,
ASKED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 6 IF U.S. HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH
PLO. POLITICAL OFFICER SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN
U.S. POLICY OF NO CONTACT WITH PLO. END LOU.

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